

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-20 in the application. In a previous response, the Applicant amended Claims 11-15. In the present response, no claims have been amended, canceled or added. Thus, Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 16-20 are allowed and that dependent Claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. (*See Examiner's Action*, page 3.) The Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, the Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of independent Claims 1, 6 and 11.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,016,312 to Storm, *et al.* The Applicant respectfully disagrees since Storm does not teach synchronizing an event signal based upon a first clock rate associated with a first clock zone device to a second clock rate based upon an edge transition of the event signal and the second clock rate, and generating a synchronous notification signal therefrom as recited in independent Claims 1, 6 and 11.

Storm is directed to reducing power consumption in portable radios. (*See column 1, lines 15-16.*) Storm discloses a radiotelephone system 100 including an oscillator 116 and a timing controller 114. (*See column 3, lines 39-43 and Figure 1.*) The timing controller 114 includes a sleep time controller 200 having a clock edge synchronizer 202 and a sleep clock generator 205. (*See column 5, lines 6-11 and Figure 2.*) The sleep clock generator 205 produces a sleep clock signal at a second

clock rate that differs from a first clock rate produced by the oscillator 116. (See column 4, lines 60-61; column 5, lines 30-33 and Figure 2.) The clock edge synchronizer 202 receives at inputs 220, 222, an accurate clock signal from the oscillator 116 and, after being divided down, the sleep clock signal from the sleep clock generator 205. (See column 5, lines 37-41 and Figures 1-2.) Using these input clock signals, the clock edge synchronizer 202 provides appropriate clock and latching signals. (See column 5, lines 44-56.)

The Examiner asserts that the accurate clock signal received at the input 220 is an event signal based upon a first clock rate associated with a first clock zone device as recited in independent Claims 1, 6 and 11. The accurate clock signal, however, is not an event signal but is a signal from a clock, the oscillator 116. The accurate clock signal, unlike the event signal as presently claimed, does not indicate that an event has occurred. (See paragraph 51, page 23 of the original specification.) Thus, the accurate clock signal of Storm is not an event signal and, more specifically, is not an event signal based upon a first clock rate associated with a first clock zone device as recited in independent Claims 1, 6 and 11.

The clock edge synchronizer 202, therefore, does not synchronize an event signal based upon a first clock rate associated with a first clock zone device to a second clock rate based upon an edge transition of the event signal and the second clock rate, and generate a synchronous notification signal therefrom as asserted by the Examiner. (See Examiner's Action, pages 2-3.) Instead, the clock edge synchronizer 202 synchronizes the various clock inputs (*i.e.*, via the inputs 220 and 222) to provide appropriate clock and latching signals. (See column 5, lines 55-57.) Thus, Storm also does not teach synchronizing an event signal to a second clock rate and generating a synchronous notification signal therefrom as recited in Claims 1, 6 and 11.

As such, Storm does not disclose each and every element of independent Claims 1, 6 and 11. Accordingly, Storm does not anticipate Claims 1, 6 and 11. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102(a) rejection with respect to Claims 1, 6 and 11 and allow issuance thereof.

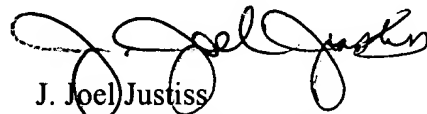
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-20.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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